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Interview Summary

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Examiner
Fritz Alphonse

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Fritz Alphonse (PTO)

(3) _____

(2) Eric Berkowitz (Applicant's Representative)

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Date of Interview May 20, 2003

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: Independent claims 1 and 9.

Identification of prior art discussed:

Kim (U.S. Pat. No. 6,211,867) and Marcotte (U.S. Pat. No. 5,642,018).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Distinction between the claimed invention and the prior art have been discussed. Applicant's Representative argues that Kim does not change the phase of the driving signal. The argument, however, is not convincing. The Examiner contends that Kim teaches about a circuit that adjusts the timing edge of the changing signal (see Kim, col. 5, lines 19-32). The last amendment filed still reads on the broad claim language. An advisory action has been mailed to the Applicant before this interview.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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